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WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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MISAPPROPRIATION OF FUNDS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the funds released for development of irrigation and flood control in various States particularly in Bihar has been misappropriated and the condition of irrigation project is dismal despite huge expenditure;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto and indicating the quantum of funds released by the Government for the purpose, State-wise; and

(c) the action taken against the States which have failed to utilize these funds optimally?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c) The report of Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended March, 2003 has mentioned that some States have diverted funds to activities not connected with the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme(AIBP). Following the corrective measures taken by the Ministry of Water Resources, there has been no such report subsequently. Till date, 231 major/medium projects/project components have received Central Assistance under AIBP of which 91 projects/project components have been completed, and an irrigation potential of 4.356 million ha has been created up to March 2007. State wise details of the Central Assistance released since inception of AIBP till date are given in Annexure-1. As per prevailing AIBP guidelines, subsequently installment of Central Assistance under AIBP is released only on receipt of Utilization Certificate of Central Assistance released earlier along with State share. The State Governments are also required to achieve physical target of potential creations on year to year basis as per Memorandum of Understanding signed by them with the ministry of Water Resources.